

AGENDA



Thursday, October 16, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 8

Subject: Authorize execution of change order #8 to the construction contract with MUNIZ CONCRETE AND CONTRACTING INC., Austin, Texas (84.39% DBE) for portions of the Lance Armstrong Bikeway in the amount of \$152,017.89, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,457,426.58.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$152,017.89 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 1.81% DBE subcontractor participation to date including this change order.

This project was initiated in 1999 as the Crosstown Bikeway with funding from the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program. The project was later named for Lance Armstrong. Federal funds have provided 62% of the construction cost and the City of Austin has provided 38%. The project will provide an east-west bike route through downtown Austin between Veterans Drive and I-35.

This change order will provide funding to complete the portion of the bikeway in front of the Gables development along Cesar Chavez Street between the Lamar Boulevard overpass and Seaholm as well as construct new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps and drainage improvements. In accordance with the 62%/38% funding agreement, \$94,251.09 of this change order will be funded through federal grant funds already provided by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for this project.

Construction of the Lance Armstrong Bikeway started in May 2007. In May 2008, construction of a segment of the off-street portion along Cesar Chavez Street was suspended to allow for completion of the right-of-way work associated with the Gables development. In July 2008, all other portions of this contract for the Bikeway were completed. Because the timing of the completion of the Gables construction was uncertain, a change order was issued to deduct that scope of work from the contract. Some of the remaining contract funds were used to add additional enhancements to the Bikeway including striping of the off-street concrete portion and installation of directional arrows and bicycle symbols. In addition, a section was added to connect the Bikeway to existing sidewalk on the north side of Cesar Chavez Street at its intersection with San Antonio Street, thereby providing access to the Shoal Creek trail.

The right-of-way work associated with the Gables project has since been completed and the area is now clear for construction of the remaining portion of the bikeway at the Gables development. The project team has determined that the most efficient method of completing this section of the bikeway is to add it back to the current construction contract. In addition, changes were made to the Gables site plan during construction that impacted drainage patterns in the area. This change order includes drainage

improvements and ADA ramps within the construction area to ensure safe access across the newly constructed Sandra Muraida.